



TEXT

TWO MEN, TWO BIKES, AND A VERY LONG ROAD

The Scottish actor, Ewan McGregor is expected to be accompanied on the 10,000-km-journey from Scotland to South Africa by his friend Charley Boorman, son of the film director John Boorman.

The pair teamed up for three months last year to ride through Europe, Russia, Mongolia, Alaska and North America, raising money for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. During the long motorcycle journey, they faced hardships and potential catastrophes, including a dangerous encounter with an armed gang. Their experiences were recounted in "Long Way Round", a six-part television documentary. They also published a book, which became a best-seller.

The inspiration behind this journey came from a book, **Jupiter's Travels**, by Ted Simon. He was struck by the idea while on a beach in Mauritius reading the book, which told the story of Simon's four-year journey around the world on a Triumph motorcycle in the 1970's.

They are now making plans for a second challenge in 2007.

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I – READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS : (5 marks)

1) Read the text and tick (✓) the right answer. (1mark)

The purpose of the journey was :

- Ⓐ to see the world
- Ⓑ to raise money for UNICEF
- Ⓒ to publish a book.

2) Correct these false statements with details from the text. (2 marks)

a/ The journey was an easy one. (paragraph 2)

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b/ The idea of the journey came when Ewan saw a film. (paragraph 3)

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3) Who does They underlined in paragraph 2 refer to? (1mark)

They refers to

4) Tick the right alternative. (1mark)

teamed up in paragraph 2 means :

- Ⓐ rode together
- Ⓑ worked together
- Ⓒ travelled together.

II – LANGUAGE : (10 marks)

1) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box below. (3 marks)

fan – too – players – champion – continue – weather – win – for.

Andre Agassi is one of the only ten in the history of men's tennis to seven grand slam titles. Four of them after he turned 29. But some people say at 31, he is old to play. He doesn't think so. "If I play good tennis, I should", he says. His girl friend ex-tennis Steffi Graff, also thinks Andre should continue. She's his biggest.....

2) Circle the right alternative. (3 marks)

There are about 300 players in the National Basketball Association (NBA) (**most / much / more**) of them are black. But (**be / was / being**) tall and fast isn't (**too / enough / quite**) to become a basketball player. Every year thousands of talented young men from America's Universities (**hope / dream / wish**) of being recruited by the National Basketball Association. They practise four hours (**a day / per days / in day**) , but only 20 to 30 per cent succeed. The motivation is big (**succeed / success / successful**), prestige and lots of money.

3) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (2 marks)

R & B is back. Famous R & B (**sing**) like Beyonce, Alicia Keys and Justin Timberlake are everywhere. But did you know that when R & B music (**originate**) in the 1930's, it was only black music for black people ? The (**express**) "Rhythm and Blues" (**invent**) in 1947 by an American journalist. It meant Black music.

4) Match the sentence parts in Column A with the right sentence parts in Column B. There's an extra part in Column B. The sentence parts in A are in the right order. (2marks)

Column A	Column B
1) Dogs are trained	a) two years to train dogs.
2) It takes about	b) ready to work 365 days a year to respond to disasters.
3) They must be strong	c) the first dog star was a collie called Toby.
4) Firemen and their dogs must be	d) to do different sorts of search and rescue work.
	e) and have a good sense of smell and a good temperament.

Answers :

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